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SUBJECT: SITREP NO. 17: LABOR CONFRONTATION WITH GOVERNMENT

1. MRS. PERON HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT COMPOSITION OF NEW CABINET WILL BE RELEASED TOMORROW. AT THIS POINT, FEW EXPECT THIS TO PROVIDE FINAL SOLUTION EVEN IF REMOVED AS MINISTER, LOPEZ REGA PROBABLY WILL BE KEPT ON BY HER AS PRIVATE SECRETARY. FURTHER, HE HAS BEEN MANEUVERING DURING PAST TWO DAYS TO REPLACE OUTGOING MINISTERS WITH HIS OWN PEOPLE. WHETHER OR NOT HE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL WILL BE SEEN TOMORROW. EVEN IF HE HAS BEEN AND NEW CABINET IS LOPEZREGISTA, THIS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO OTHER SECTORS AND NOT LIKELY TO ENDURE.

2. THIS ASIDE, ALL SECTORS REMAIN DETERMINED THAT LOPEZ REGA BE REMOVED FROM ALL POSITIONS. CGT IS GIVING CONSIDERATION TO CALLING ANOTHER GENERAL STRIKE IF PRESIDENT DOES NOT REMOVE HIM FROM ALL OFFICES SHORTLY. IT SEEMS TO US MORE LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT IF HE REFUSES TO RESIGN MILITARY WILL AT GIVEN POINT SIMPLY LOSE PATIENCE AND PUT HIM ON A PLANE--THOUGH THIS DOES NOT MEAN THEY
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WOULD TAKE POWER; RATHER, THEIR MOVE WOULD BE "IN SUPPORT"

OF A CONSTITUTIONAL SOLUTION--I.E. MRS. PERON OR LUDER.

3. CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES WILL VOTE ON (AND DOUBTLESS APPROVE) NEW LAW OF SUCCESSION TOMORROW (JULY 11). THERE IS ALSO MOVE AFOOT IN CHAMBER TO REMOVE LASTIRI AS PRESIDENT. THIS WOULD OF COURSE BE SHARP NEW BLOW TO MRS. PERON AND "THE FAMILY."

4. BALBIN OF UCR ISSUED STATEMENT YESTERDAY CALLING FOR MULTISECTOR MEETING AND RETURN TO SPIRIT OF HORA DEL PUEBLO. EMBASSY INFORMED BY EXCELLENT SOURCE THAT THIS CAME ABOUT AFTER SECRET MEETING YESTERDAY OF BALBIN, CASILDO HERRERAS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF PERONIST PARTY AND OF ARMED FORCES.
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